Lok Adalats in Andhra Pradesh

380. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minsiter of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Lok Adalats held in Andhra Pradesh during the period 1987-90; and

(b) the number of cases settled by the above Adalats?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) On the basis of the information as received from the Andhra Pradesh State Legal Aid and Advice Board, 64 Lok Adalats have been held in Andhra Pradesh during the period 1987-90.

(b) 1,28,802 cases including 7,584 Motor Accident Claims cases have been settled by these Lok Adalats.

Cases Pending in Andhra Pradesh High Court

381. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minsiter of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) how many criminal and civil cases are pending before the Andhra Pradesh High Court as on date; and

(b) how many among them are more than three, fives or ten years old?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRl DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) As on 30.6.1990. 1868 criminal and 60822 civil cases were pending in Andhra Pradesh High Court.

(b) Out of the pendency of civil cases, 4668, 2851 and 47 cases were pending for more than three, five and ten years respectively. No criminal case is however, pending for more than 3 years.

Present strength of High Court Judges in Andhra Pradesh

382. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR. Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the present strength of permanent judges and additionalJudges in Andhra Pradesh High Court; and

(b) how many of them have been filled up by appointing persons belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and backward classes?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) and (b) According to information received from the Registry of the Andhra Pradesh High Court, out of 21 permanent judges in position at present in that High Court, 3 Judges belong to backward classes and no judges belongs to a Scheduled Caste or a Scheduled Tribe.

Revision of fees payable to Notaries

383. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALARIA: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that fees payable to the Notaries were fixed in 1956;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it has not been revised since then;

(c) whether Government propose to raise the rates of fees payable to notaries in view of the rise in the price index; and

(d) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) The matter is under consideration.